

## **Familiar Names Adorn New Library**

With gifts already topping \$900,000 for the new Duxbury Free Library at the former Upper Alden School, the number of rooms, furnishings and areas honoring or memorializing donors is growing too.

For example, the 2nd floor homework center will honor the memory of David Kispert, who was a long-time educator and counselor for Duxbury students. After Kispert's death last year, the Friends of David Kispert was formed to endow the room.

"This is a way for those of us who felt David was important to us and our children to keep his legacy alive," explained Donna Duffy, a family friend coordinating the effort.

Within the Kispert room will be a list of all who participated in the endowment, no matter how small or how large the gift.

A fund has also been set up to honor the memory and achievements of Thomas Lanman, who served as library trustee for 28 years until his death this fall. The Lanman family has chosen the Trustees' Room as its endowment focus.

A memorial fund has also been established for Duxbury resident Barry Damor.

The new library's construction, now underway, will be financed by capital funds and government grants. However, interior furnishings and special equipment will be privately funded through an ongoing Capital Campaign. The names of the library's most generous supporters will appear throughout the new building.

On a wall in the main lobby will be a permanent plaque engraved with the names of all donors who have given \$1,000 or more to the new library. Called the "Millennium Plaque," the plaque will be a focal point for all who enter the library during the decades to come.

On the lower level of the library, the small program room will be named by the Robert Mastrovita family, and on the main floor, areas to be named for donors include the west (main) entrance portico given by the Thomas O'Neill family, the front (campus) portico given by the Louis Jannetty family, the flagpole given by Polly Harrington, the south window nook given by the Tedeschi family, the parent's reading corner given by the Pepi family, the west lobby given by the Wilfred Shechans, the children's program room given by the Robert Kellys, the "phone home lounge" given by the Donald Schleicher family and the fiction wing given by Peter and Kathleen Nichols.

On the upper floor, areas to be named for donors include the local history room given by the William Rices, a small study room given by the Michael Bezdek family, another study room given on behalf of the Dinneen children, the young adult lounge given by the David Jenkins family, the campus-view lounge given by the William Boyds, a study carrel given by the Richard D'Angona family, a window seat given by the Tedeschi family and the nonfiction wing given by the Weyerhaeuser family.

While many areas have already been reserved within the library, remaining naming opportunities range from \$1,500 for a study carrel to \$250,000 for the entire children's wing. Each donor's name will be placed on a small, permanent plaque near the designated item or space.

"The more money we raise privately, the more attractive, comfortable and exciting the library will be," according to Capital Campaign Chairman Rodger Smith. "The generosity of those donors who share this vision will be remembered for many, many generations to come."

For information on capital gifts to the library and naming opportunities, contact Rodger Smith or Deborah Bornheimer. For Millennium gifts or pledges, contact Judith Dinneen.